

DO

Gather your materials:

- Tax returns for you and/or your parents
- Asset records for you and/or your parents, including bank statements and investments
- Social Security numbers for you and your parents
- Driver's license or government ID
- Federal school codes for the schools you will be applying to
- FSA ID

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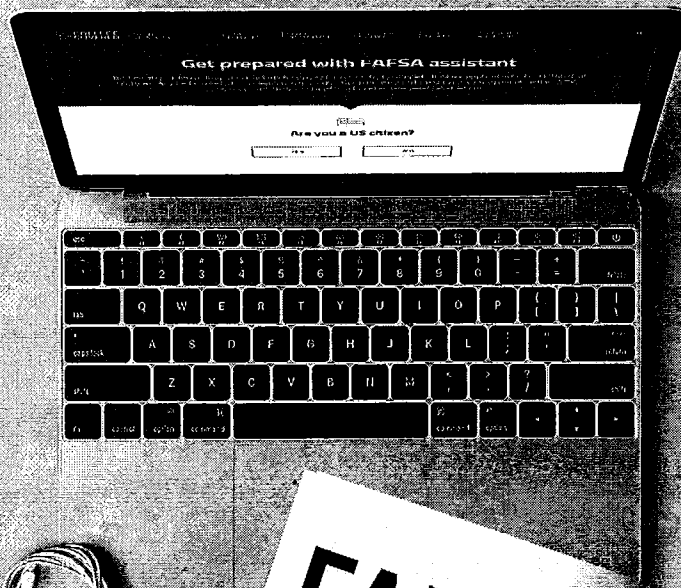
Fill out the application early.

- Application will be available October 1.
- Financial aid at some schools is first come, first served, so apply as early as possible.

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Fill out the FAFSA online.

- It takes about 30 minutes.
- Take advantage of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to automatically transfer your tax info.



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**FREE
APPLICATION
FOR
FEDERAL
STUDENT
AID**

DON'T

Skip the FAFSA.

- Most people qualify for some financial aid.
- It's the first step toward paying for college.

DON'T

Feel intimidated by the FAFSA.

- Use the FAFSA assistant at CollegeCovered.com to make sure you have the right materials and are prepared to fill out the application.

